

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 5-20 are pending. Claims 1, 5 and 9-11 have been are rejected. Claims 6-8 and 13-20 have been objected to. Claims 1, 5, 10, 11, and 13 are hereby canceled. Claim 6 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 1 and 5. Claim 12 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 1 and 13. The dependencies of claims 9, 14 and 16-19 have been amended accordingly. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

OBJECTIONS

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 6-8 and 13-20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicant submits that claims 6-8 and 13-20 are suitable as amended and reconsideration of the claims is requested.

§ 102 Rejection

Claims 1, 5, and 9-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Say et al. (U.S. 2003/0088166) (referred to hereinafter as “Say”).

The Office Action states: “See the abstract; Figures 2, 10, and 11; [0060], [0089], and [0094]-[0097].”

Applicants have cancelled claims 1, 5, 10, and 11 and have amended claim 9 to depend from claim 6.

For these reasons, Applicant submits that the rejection has been overcome and request that the rejection be withdrawn.

In addition to the foregoing, Applicant submits that a dependent claim should be considered allowable when its parent claim is allowed. *In re McCarn*, 101 USPQ 411 (CCPA 1954). Accordingly, provided the independent claims are allowed, all claims depending therefrom should also be allowed.

Based on the foregoing, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) is requested. Examination and reconsideration of the claims are requested. Allowance of the claims at an early date is solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's attorney if the Examiner believes any remaining questions or issues could be resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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